

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the Specification on page 5 beginning at line 5 as follows:

The Mer-11107 strain was deposited as FERM P-18144 at the National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (1-3, Higashi 1-chome Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken 305-8566 Japan), now reorganized to International Deposit FERM BP-7812 at International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD) National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (Tsukuba Central 6,1-1, Higashi 1-Chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken 305-8566 Japan), as of December 19, 2000, and then transferred to International Deposit FERM BP-7812 at International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD) National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-Chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken 305-8566 Japan) as of November 27, 2001.

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Please amend the Specification beginning on page 25 line 20 ending on page 26 line 4 as follows:

The 11107B substance as the substrate may be added in a culture broth or a suspension solution of mycelia either as a powder as it is or as a solution dissolved in a water-soluble solvent, for example, ethanol, methanol, acetone or dimethylsulfoxide. The amount of the 11107B substance added is preferably 50 to 5000 mg per 1 L of the culture broth in the case of the culture broth. After the addition of the substrate, procedures such as flask shaking or tank culture are conducted at 20 to ~~31°C~~ 40°C for about 1 to 5 days to run a reaction in an aerobic condition, whereby the 11107B substance as the substrate can be converted into the 11107D substance.

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Please amend the Specification on page 27 beginning at line 5 as follows:

One loopful of the slant culture (ISP-2 medium) of *Streptomyces* sp. Mer-11107 strain (FERM BP-7812) was inoculated

into a 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask containing 50 mL of seed medium (2.0% of glucose, 1.0% of soybean meal (ESUSAN-MEAT manufactured by Ajinomoto Co. Ltd.), 0.5% of yeast extract (manufactured by Oriental Yeast Co., Ltd.), 0.25% of sodium chloride, 0.32% of calcium carbonate, pH 6.8 before sterilized), and it was cultured at 28°C for two days to give the first seed culture broth. 0.1 mL of the culture broth was inoculated into a 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask containing 100 mL of the same seed medium and it was cultured at 28°C for one day to give the second seed culture broth. The second seed culture broth (800 mL) thus obtained was inoculated into a 200 L tank containing 100 L of a production medium (5.0% of soluble starch, 0.8% of Pharmamedia, 0.8% of gluten meal, 0.5% of yeast extract and 0.1% of calcium carbonate, pH 6.8 before sterilized) and it was cultured for five days with ~~flowing air and stirring in~~ the following conditions, to give a culture broth.